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In re application of

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U.S. Application No. 10/771,963

Group Art Unit: 3711

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For: GOLF CLUB SET WITH VARIABLE THICKNESS AND/OR DENSITY
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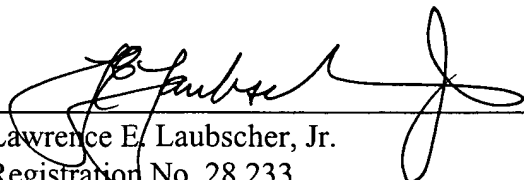
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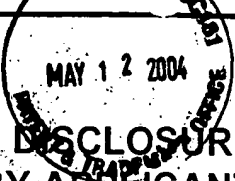
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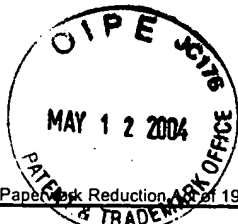
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